

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, October 28, 1728.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Oct. 19.

Hague, Oct. 19.

THeir High Mightinesses Deputies for Foreign Affairs are almost every Day in Conference with the Ministers of Great Britain and France, about the Affairs of Peace, which have not the promising Aspect we could wish. Certain it is that Spain is making vast Preparations for War, and the Emperor is always ready, waiting now only the Arrival of the Gallies to receive his Subsidies, which will enable him to perform his Contracts, with several Princes of the Empire.---- Many of our Politicians will have it, that the late Intrigues of the King of Prussia with the Imperial Court, tend to bring about a Marriage between the Prince Royal his Son, and an Archduchess, Daughter of the present Emperor, with a View to transfer the Imperial Crown one Day to the House of Brandenburg: But we look upon this as a Chimera, and next to impossible to be reduced into Practice, for most of the Empire, and several other Powers of Europe would oppose such a Design; so that if the Emperor gives any Encouragement to a Proposal of this Nature, it may peradventure be only to amuse.

Mentz, Oct. 12. There is some Talk of a Quadruple Alliance between the Emperor, the Czar, and the Kings of Poland and Prussia. The Saxon Troops are to be augmented to 20,000 Men.

Hague, Oct. 26. Some Letters by Way of Hamburg advise, that the King of Prussia had given out Patents for making new Levies in his Dominions.

From the Post Boy, Oct. 18.

Milan, Sept. 25. A Silver Lamp weighing 350 Ounces, has been presented by some unknown Person, to the miraculous Image of the Blessed Virgin near Cello; some will have it that this Present comes from Cardinal Cuzany in Execution of a Vow made by his Eminence.

From the Universal Spectator, Oct. 19.

London, Oct. 19. On Monday Oath was made at

the Quarter Sessions, that the Price of Oats in this Port was upwards of 16 sh. per Quarter, on which Permission is given for importing them here from Foreign Ports on Payment of about 7 d. per Quarter, until April next.

Last Week the Quarter Sessions at Bristol gave Permission for importing into that Port Wheat and Barley from Foreign Ports for the ensuing half Year, on the Payment of the lower Duties.

Thursday an Indictment having been found against John Rodes for cursing his Majesty and drinking the Pretender's Health, by the Name of King James III. He was brought to Hick's Hall, where pleading Not Guilty, and traversing the Indictment, he was by the Court referred to Justice Cook and Justice Parsons the committing Justices, to be bailed, and his Trial ordered for the next Sessions.

From the London Evening-Post, Oct. 19.

Paris, Oct. 22. The Duke de Bournonville set out from hence the 14th to return to Madrid. On the 17th Count Zinzendorf and his Son arrived here from Fountainbleau. We have Advice that it was the Dey of Tripoli, and not the Bashaw, who since the Bombardment of that Town was strangled, with 300 of his Relations. There were 800 Houses either burnt or beaten down by the Bombs; and the French Ships have since taken 3 of their Corsairs. 'Tis not doubted but the new Dey will shortly send Deputies hither to sue for a Peace.

London, Oct. 19. This Day Mr. John Rhodes, who stands indicted for cursing his Majesty, &c. was admitted to Bail.

This Week six Dissenting Ministers of this City received their Doctors Degrees by Diploma from Scotland; three of which were the Reverend Mr. Cuming, the Rev. Mr. Evans, and the Rev. Mr. Harris.

We are informed from Gibraltar that Mr. James Argotta, Merchant there, hath undertaken (with the Governor's Approbation) to supply the Garrison

son with several Sorts of Provisions from Barbary, viz. Stall-fed Beef, Mutton, &c. having settled a Correspondence at Oran and Tangier for that Purpose. An Undertaking agreeable to the Garrison, which was but ill supplied from Barbary for the Time past.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 19.

Paris, Oct. 23. When the Deputies of Tunis had their Audience of the King, they prostrate themselves down to the Ground, and then got up and made a Speech. To which his Majesty was pleased to return the following Answer: I am satisfied with what you told me of the Republick, Bey, Divan and Militia.

London, Oct. 19. An Officer going out of Town towards Croydon, met a Man (which proves since to be but a Taylor near the Strand) on Bristow Causeway coming to Town: Because the Taylor did not readily give the Road, the Officer rid against him, which had like to have thrown him and his Horse down: Which he so resented, that he struck the Officer with the Handle of his Whip; which was returned. In short, the Battle was so fierce and bloody, that the Officer had one of his Eyes beat quit out; and the other was so beat about the Head, Face and Body, that he was forced to be put to Bed in a House near the Field of Battle, and did not go home to his House till late at Night.

The Earl of Stafford embarked on Wednesday-morning at Dover for France.

Money has been sent to pay off his Majesty's Ships, Berwick, Portland, Tyger and Dragon.

Yesterday Sir Robert Baylis, the Lord Mayor Elect, attended by several Aldermen, was presented to the L. Chancellor with the usual Ceremony.

From the London Gazette, Oct. 19.

Windsof-Castle, Oct. 17. The King has been graciously pleased to constitute and appoint Henry Cartwright, William Fisher, George Haxley, Edward Trelawney, Henry Parsons, Thomas Revel and John Berkley, Esqs. to be his Commissioners for victualling, and causing to be victualled as well his Majesty's Royal Navy, as all other Ships and Vessels whatsoever that shall be hired, impressed, or taken up for his Majesty's Service.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Oct. 19.

Paris, Oct. 24. Cardinal de Fleury conferred Yesterday with his Majesty for near 2 Hours, on the Subject of the Congress.

Letters from Madrid say, That the King was troubled with the Hypochondriac, which caused him to chuse Retirement in his Apartment, and has in part weaned himself from Company, delighting to peruse Books; and his Father Confessor Dr. Clark is almost daily conversing with him on the Holy Scriptures.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key Yesterday.

Wheat, 44 to 46 sh. Rye, 20 to 25 sh. Barley, 20 to 25 sh. Oats, 14 to 16. Horse Beans, 24 to 27 Hog Pease, 24 to 26. Pease, 29 to 32. Pale Malt, 28. to 32. Brown Malt, 27 to 30. Tares, 20 to 25, all per Quarter.

Coals, 24 to 27 per Chaldron. Old Hops 25 to 35 sh. New Hops, 40 to 58 sh. per Hundred. Rape-seed, 15 l. to 16 l. per Last.

Since our last arrived 2 Mails from Holland, one from France and one from Flanders.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Oct. 22.

Extract of a Letter from Jamaica, dated the 5th of August last.

THE Spanish Privateers have lately taken several Ships of London, &c. bound to this Island; also several Vessels belonging to the northern Plantations, and carried them into St. Jago de Cuba and other Spanish Ports. The Commodore sent the Mary Galley to demand them; but the Answer she received was not only trifling but impertinent.

We wish the Governors of the Plantations were vested with an Authority to grant Letters of Repisal, which would effectually stop these Proceedings, and protect our Trade, which for some time has been much discouraged and impaired, no Merchant daring to venture his Effects abroad, when he has less Security on the Seas than in the Time of War.

But according to Letters from Paris of the 25th, that Nation was in great hopes that the Project for the Truce, since the Alterations have been made therein, will be approved by the Powers concerned;

ed; to which end Cardinal de Fleury exerts himself to the utmost, and Count Zinzendorf has put off his Departure for Vienna, till the final Resolution of the Court of Spain on that Subject shall be known.

We have an Account of a very dreadful Fire that happened on the 20th Instant at Copenhagen, and had destroyed above two Third-parts of that City, among other considerable Edifices, 5 Churches are consumed, also the Hospital for Orphans, all the Colleges, the Houses of the Professors, and Town-house, together with the Palaces of the chief Ministers and most eminent Merchants.

Yesterday some of the Letters from Copenhagen, to our Merchants, speak of 4000, others of 8000 Houses to be burnt by the said Fire. The King and Prince were present all the time it lasted, being 2 Days and 3 Nights.

The Sum to be raised by Subscription for building the Bridge over the Thames, is not to exceed (we are told) 30,000 l. No Person will be admitted to subscribe more or less than 1000 l. Each Subscriber is to pay down 100 l. to be deposited in the Bank of England; and that the Commissioners are to covenant with the Subscribers, to convey over and assign over to them all the Tolls of the Bridge, but the Assignments not to be made till the Bridge be built, to prevent Resignments of the Tolls, and turning the Undertaking into a Bubble.

The Duke of Bridgewater has presented the Rev. Mr. Coleman, one of his Chaplains, to the Living of Little Gaddeston, vacant by the Death of Mr. Eldows.

Last Friday died at the Bath the Rev. Mr. Macro, Preacher at the Roll Chapel, and Lecturer at St. Dunstan's in the West.

On Saturday last an Instrument pass'd the Seals, for the Rev. Bp. of Bath and Wells, to hold his Prebend of Westminster for another Year, in commendam.

Books were to have been opened this Day at the Banqueting-house, to take the Subscriptions above mentioned; but the Proprietors of the Ferries not appearing, to take the Satisfaction to be allowed them, it was put off to the 19th proximo. However, 25 Persons sent their Names, to subscribe each 1000 l.

We cannot continue much longer in a State of

Uncertainty, it being the general Expectation that a Mail or two more will bring the K. of Spain's final Answer to the projected Truce.

We are told, that on the 16th Instant the Lord North and Grey, Lieutenant General in the Spanish Service, set out from Paris, (where the Duke of Wharton has lately been) for Catalonia; That 10 Spanish Regiments, 3 Battallions of Spanish and the like Number of Walloon Guards, were ordered to the Sea Coasts of Galicia.

The Stocks fell Yesterday near 3 4ths per Cent. upon the News that the King of France was ill of the Small Pox.

'Tis said the Countess Dowager of Lincoln will have the Office which was enjoyed by the late Earl her Husband, of Cofferer of his Majesty's Household.

From the London Gazette, Oct. 22.

Fountainbleau, Oct. 27. N. S. The Day before Yesterday his most Christian Majesty had some pimples appearing in his Face, which were looked upon to be of so small Consequence, that he went a Hunting. Yesterday Morning his Majesty found himself sick in his Stomach, while he was at Mass, but that sickness soon going off, he had ordered his Hunting Equipage to be ready, but was prevailed upon to lay aside the Thoughts of hunting that Day. Upon Examination, the Pimples appeared upon all Parts of his Body, and prove to be the small Pox, but of a very favourable Sort, and unattended with any ill Symptoms.

Fountainbleau, Oct. 26. On the 23d Instant the Cardinal de Noailles published a Mandate for the Acceptation of the Bull Unigenitus, by which his Eminency revokes his former Pastoral Mandate, and exhorts all the faithful of his Diocese, to imitate him in his Respect and Obedience to the Holy See.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 22.

London, Oct. 22. By Advices from Madrid we are informed, That ten Spanish Regiments, three Battallions of Spanish and three of Walloon Guards, were ordered to the Sea Coast of Galicia, to guard, as 'tis said the Ships that are building at St. Andero and other Places. They were to begin their March the 10th Instant.

They write from Paris, That Mr. James Murray,

ray, commonly called Lord Dunbar, Governor to the Chevalier's eldest Son, died lately at Naples of a Consumption, where he had lately resided for the Benefit of the Air.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Oct. 22.

London, Oct. 22. Three of the Persons who are to give Evidence before the Parliament at their next Meeting, of the Treasons of the Duke of Wharton, have been removed from the Messengers Custody to the Gatehouse in Westminster.

This Day 3 of his Majesty's Ships of War will be put in Commission, viz. the Shirk Sloop, the Winchelsea, Capt. Fitz-Royal Commander, and the Tartar Pink, Capt. Procter. The said Ship is reduced to a 6th Rate.

Edinburgh, Oct. 28. We are advised from Grindlaw in the Merse, That 10 Persons have been committed there last Week, as suspected of Robbery.

This Day, being the seventh Day of the Moon, it is High Water at Leith at 8 a'clock, 6 Min. Tomorrow at 8, 54 Min. The Sun rises this Day at 7 a'clock, 35 Min.

N. B. What was insert in this Paper the 10th Instant, anent the Election of the Magistrates of Bervie, was by Mistake (for which the Author begs Pardon) Insert *Arb. Oct. 4.* Instead of *Bervie*, the Place of the Election of the Magistrates, on the 25th of September.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

¶ There's a great Parcel of THORNS for Hedges, to be sold by Samuel Robison in Kelfo, from 2 to 6 Years old; as also very good Seedling Beeches, Horn-Beans, &c. with a great many Sorts of Fruit trees, viz. Apples, Pears, Plumbs, Cherries, Apricocks, Peaches and Nectarines; as also several Sorts of barren Trees; Elms, Ashes, Plains, Firrs, Maples, &c. all at reasonable Rates. Enquire at the Author of this Paper, or at Mr. Alexander Symmer in Parliament-Close.

¶ The Meeting of the Creditors of the deceased James Monteith of Milhall, is Adjourned to the Sixth Day of November next, at John's Coffee-house; at 3 a'clock after Noon: When it is expected they will bring with them their Grounds of Debt. Such as cannot attend the Meeting themselves, are desired to give Instructions to their Doers at Edinburgh for that End, or send a full Note of their Claims to James Guthrie Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in Forrester's Wynd-head, to William Roy Writer in Edinburgh at the Signet-Office, or William Rainy

Writer in Falkirk, before the Day of Meeting: When 'tis hoped, Proposals will be made to the Creditors Satisfaction.

¶ That the DEER in the Parks of Balgony, about 60 in Number, pertaining to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Leven, are to be sold by publick Roup at the House of Balgony the First of November next.

¶ That the Crown and Common GLASS for Windows, &c. is to be sold at the Warehouses in Leith, by Michael Watson Merchant there; where punctual Attendance will be given.

¶ That the annual Meeting of the Honourable Company of HUNTERS is to be held at Leith the 11th of November next, where their annual Silver Plate is then to be run for by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, belonging to any of the Company, and has been in their Custody for these six Months by past, providing they never wone a Hunter's Plate. The Weight is agreed upon to be 10 Stone English for Horses fourteen Hands and upwards, and the usual Weight for Inches to be allowed for Horses under that Size. The other Articles are to be seen in Mr. Morgan's in Leith, where the Horses that runs must be entred before the 9th of November. All the Companions are desired to be present to concert some Affair of Importance. This by Order of the Council, DAVID BAIRD Treasurer Depute.

¶ The Heir of the deceased James Monteith of Milhall designing forthwith to set about proper Measures for paying off all the just and lawful Debts of his said Predecessor, The CREDITORS of the said James Monteith are hereby advertised to meet at the Leigh Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Thursday the seventh Day of November next, at three a'clock after Noon; where they will be attended, and such Proposals made them as 'tis hoped will be satisfying, and contribute to the Advantage of all concerned. They are further desired to bring with them their respective Grounds of Debt, or distinct Notes of them, and extent of their Claims. Those who cannot conveniently attend in Person, or by their Doers, will please, in due time, to send such Notes to Mr. William Drummond of Grange, Writer in Edinburgh, or to Alexander Matherton Writer in Linlithgow, who will take due Care to lay them before those concerned.

¶ That there is a stolen Horse, challenged by a Serjeant and Party of Colonel Grant's Company, of the marks, Age and colour following, viz. a dark Blue about two Years old, a long Tail with a Bell in his Forehead, betwixt 3 and 4 L. Sterling Price. The Owner is desired to call for Colonel Grant's Serjeant at Peter Gordon's House in Borlan near Glentanar, betwixt and the first of November next, and the Serjeant will show the Horse to any pretending Right to him, and that Charges and Damages may be recovered off the Receiver, in whose Hands the Horse is challenged.

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The 3d Quarter of the 7th Year commences the 25th Instant: Therefore the Author expects all Persons who are furnished with this News-paper will pay up their bygone Arrears and current Quarter, as they expect to be punctually served.